

## **WBBM-TV QUARTERLY ISSUES REPORT**

**January 1, 2013 – March 31, 2013**

**ATTACHED ARE LISTINGS OF BROADCASTS WHICH, IN THE STATION'S JUDGMENT, REFLECT OUR SIGNIFICANT TREATMENT OF ASCERTAINED COMMUNITY ISSUES DURING THE PERIOD OF**

**JANUARY 1, 2013 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2013**

### **PROGRAM INDEX**

**CBS 2 MORNING NEWS, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, 4:30AM - 7AM;**

**CBS 2 NEWS, MONDAY-FRIDAY, 11AM, 5PM, 6PM AND 10PM**

**ON WEEKENDS, CBS 2 BROADCASTS 8AM, 5:30PM AND 10PM ON SATURDAY AND 7AM, 5PM AND 10PM ON SUNDAY**

### **SYNDICATED:**

#### **Gospel Superfest 13<sup>th</sup> Salute to Black History, Sun, 02/17/13 at 03:05am-04:05am**

Sunday, February 17, 2013 03:05am – 04:05am: These diverse, music-driven entertainment specials offer a wide variety of inspirational talk and music geared toward today's youth. Performers include Pop, R & B and Hip Hop artists and features current hits from top industry leaders.

### **THE DURATION OF STORIES IN THIS REPORT RANGE FROM ONE TO THREE MINUTES**

### **Government:**

**January 8, 2013-(CBS 2 News at 4:30a)** –Illinois lawmakers are considering a new pension reform bill for the state. The plan calls for more employee contributions and freezing cost-of-living increases. Supporters are calling for a vote before the legislative session wraps up.

**January 15, 2013- (CBS 2 News at 11a)** – The resignation of Alderman Sandi Jackson takes effect today. Jackson announced last week she's leaving the City Council. Her husband, former Congressman Jackson stepped down amid a federal probe.

**January 14, 2013- (CBS 2 News at 10p)** – Cook County administrators are pushing back the start date for a ban on cell phones and other electric devices in courthouses. The ban was set to start today but the ban was pushed back after domestic violence groups raised concerns about their safety.

**January 21, 2013- (CBS 2 News at 5p)** – Chicago pride was evident in the nation's Capital at President Obama's inauguration. Following the swearing in, the President and First Lady waved to the crowds as they marched part of the inaugural parade route.

**January 28, 2013- (CBS 2 News at 6p)** - A crowded field is shaping up in the Second District to replace Jesse Jackson in Congress. 17 Democrats and 5 Republicans are now in the race and vying for the seat. Jackson resigned due to a federal investigation and mental health issues.

**January 30, 2013- (CBS 2 News at 5p)** – Former Governor George Ryan is out of jail and back home in Kankakee. The former Governor was released from a federal prison in Indiana where he served a sentence for taking kickbacks.

**February 5, 2013 – (CBS 2 News at 6p)** – The Cook County Board hopes to put a crimp in the practice of purchasing guns legally and selling them to criminals. They are called straw purchases. The new gun law now makes those sales illegal.

**February 6, 2013- (CBS 2 News at 430a)** – Governor Quinn delivers his State of the State speech to Illinois lawmakers. The Governor will address lawmakers at the state capitol and is expected to focus on the state's financial crisis.

**February 11, 2013- (CBS 2 News at 11a)** – An Evanston woman who lost her child to gun violence will be in the audience when President Obama delivers his State of the Union address. She'll be the guest of Congressman Jan Schakowsky.

**February 14, 2013- (CBS 2 News at 10p)** – Former Dixon comptroller Rita Crundwell is heading to jail. She was convicted of siphoning more than 50-million-dollars from the town she used for a lavish lifestyle. She's been sentenced to 19 years behind bars

**February 28, 2013 – (CBS 2 News at 5p)** – One week before the primary election, there are charges of corruption among candidates in the town of Cicero. The candidates are accusing each other of intimidating supporters and tearing down campaign signs.

**March 6, 2013- (CBS 2 News at 11a)** – Chicagoans hoping to tour the White House will have to put their plans on ice for now. The tours have been canceled because of the federal budget cuts known as the sequester. The freeze goes into effect this week until further notice.

**March 18, 2013- (CBS 2 News at 6p)** – An Illinois lawmaker is pushing a new ban to ban lion meat. The State Representative proposed the ban during a news conference at the Brookfield Zoo. The proposal now goes before the General Assembly.

**March 20, 2013- (CBS 2 News at 430a)** – The Cook County Jail is on the verge of an overcrowding crisis. Officials say the jail is nearly at its limit of 10-thousand prisoners due in part to a crackdown on gun crimes in Chicago.

**March 20, 2013- (CBS 2 News at 5p)** – The Illinois Senate rejected a major overhaul proposal for the state's pension system. But lawmakers did approve a small fix for the teachers' pension plan. The state's pension plan is about 100 billion dollars in the hole.

**March 22, 2013- (CBS 2 News at 10p)** – Cook County Commissioner William Beavers backed down from his vow to take the stand in his tax evasion trial. The trial wrapped up without him taking the stand. The federal government accuses Beavers of illegally siphoning thousands of dollars from his campaign fund.

### **Crime:**

**January 4, 2013- (CBS 2 News at 430a)** - Chicago Police say thieves are targeting restaurant customers who leave their cell phones on the table. Police say the thieves team up and distract the customer while another makes off with the cell phone.

**January 18, 2013- (CBS 2 News at 10p)** – A Melrose Park man is behind bars for having a sexual relationship with an underage girl. Police are concerned there may be other young victims. The man faces predatory criminal sexual assault.

**January 28, 2013- (CBS 2 News at 6p)** – Police say a robber is targeting hair salons in the area. The robber struck 11 times in one month, hitting salons in the city and suburbs. Police are going door-to-door telling owners what to do.

**January 30, 2013- (CBS 2 News at 5p)** - People across the country are talking about the murder of 15 year old Hadiya Pendleton. The honor student was gunned down in a park near her school. She was just back from Washington where she attended inauguration festivities.

**January 31, 2013- (CBS 2 News at 11a)**- Three former Schaumburg Police officers are in court facing charges they stole drugs seized during arrests. The three are charged with operating a drug ring using cocaine and marijuana they confiscated from dealers.

**February 1, 2013- (CBS 2 News at 6p)** – The reward is now up to 40-thousand-dollars for information leading to the killer of 15 year old Hadiya Pendleton. Community activists held a vigil near the scene of the shooting asking for the public to come forward with information.

**February 1, 2013 – (CBS 2 News at 10p)** – Police say gangs or drugs were behind a deadly shooting on Lake Shore Drive. Investigators say a vehicle pulled alongside another car and opened fire killing a 22 year old woman. It's believed the victim was connected to gangs.

**February 8, 2013 – (CBS 2 News at 430a)** – Police say the investigation into an ATM scam in the northern suburbs is widening. Investigators say customers in at least three communities were targeted. Thieves attached a skimming device to the ATM in the bank's lobby.

**February 11, 2013 – (CBS 2 News at 11a)** – Amid Chicago's rising violence numbers, Mayor Emanuel and Police Superintendent McCarthy are announcing a new gun safety measure to crack down on crime. The plan would increase minimum sentences for serious gun crimes.

**February 19, 2013- (CBS 2 News at 5p)** – Chicago detectives are looking for a suspect in a Spiderman costume who stuck up a convenience store on the North Side. The suspect flashed a gun and managed to leave with some cash.

**March 7, 2013- (CBS 2 News at 430a)** – Chicago Police are looking for a man who tried to kidnap a child in the Bronzeville neighborhood. The child was walking when the man tried to pull him into a white van. Police say the child managed to get away.

**March 12, 2013- (CBS 2 News at 10p)** – There's been another attack on the CTA's red line. A teenage girl on her way to school is the latest victim. Police say a man grabbed the 16 year old girl inappropriately after sitting next to her on the train.

**March 13, 2013- (CBS 2 News at 11a)** – The Woodlawn community is in a state of shock after a 6-month old baby was shot to death. The child's father was holding the child on his lap as he sat in a car. Police believe the father was the target of the gunman.

**March 15, 2013- (CBS 2 News at 6p)** – A wrong way driver is blamed for a crash that killed two innocent people on Lake Shore Drive. Police say the wrong way driver is a police officer from North Chicago who was intoxicated.

**March 20, 2013- (CBS 2 News at 5p)** – The former pastor of a Northwest Indiana mega-church has been sentenced to 12 years in prison. Reverend Jack Schapp pleaded guilty to taking an underage girl across state lines for sex. The scandal broke when a church employee turned over text messages between the two.

### **Consumer:**

**January 10, 2013- (CBS 2 News at 10p)** –Governor Quinn says he's ready to sign legislation allowing illegal immigrants to qualify for driver's licenses. The new law will require them to take drivers tests and carry insurance. It's estimated there are a quarter million illegal immigrants on Illinois roads.

**January 17, 2013- (CBS 2 News at 6p)** – Owners of the Chicago Cubs say they plan to put up a new hotel across the street from Wrigley Field. The Ricketts family bought the land about a year ago for 20 million dollars. It's still contingent on a deal with the city to renovate the ballpark.

**January 22, 2013- (CBS 2 News at 430a)** - Chicago based GROUPON says it is stopping all current and future deals related to guns. The daily deal site says it has canceled existing and planned discounts for shooting ranges conceal and carry deals and clay shooting.

**January 23, 2013- (CBS 2 News at 11a)** - A top auto industry observer says this is a good time to buy a used car. Edmunds-Dot-Com says it expects used car prices to continue to fall due in part to a spike in lease terminations.

**January 24, 2013-(CBS 2 News at 5p)** – Tuition is going up at the University of Illinois but not as much as had been expected. Undergraduate tuition for new students is going up about 200 dollars a year which is about 12-thousand-dollars a year. Current students won't see an increase.

**February 1, 2013- (CBS 2 News at 10p)** – The Dow blasted through the 14-thousand mark for the first time since the beginning of the recession. The stocks jumped after a favorable unemployment report pointed to an improving economy.

**February 5, 2013- (CBS 2 News at 6p)** – Chicago motorists got a surprise at the pump today. Gas prices jumped overnight. Illinois prices are now among the highest in the country with the average gallon of gas at 3-dollars and 70-cents.

**February 19, 2013- (CBS 2 News at 11a)** – Kellogg's is recalling one brand of cereal because there may be bits of glass inside. The company is pulling boxes of "Special K Red Berries" as a precaution. Consumers are urged to contact the company if you have a box.

**February 19, 2013-(CBS 2 News at 5p)** – Mayor Emanuel is supporting a fitness company's plan to expand in Chicago. Planet Fitness says it wants to open ten additional gyms in the city's underserved neighborhoods. The move creates 200 new jobs.

**February 22, 2013- (CBS 2 News at 430a)** – The Chicago Transit Authority is hosting a job fair to fill some upcoming openings. The CTA wants to hire 700 part-time workers to serve as customer service assistants during an upcoming rail construction project.

**March 1, 2013- (CBS 2 News at 430a)** – Cigarette smokers in Cook County are paying more. Taxes on cigarettes sold in Cook County are going up by one dollar a pack. The new tax goes into effect today and could push the price of a pack of cigarettes up to 11-dollars.

**March 4, 2013- (CBS 2 News at 11a)** – Chicago based United Airlines is gearing up for a tough travel day with the snow storm hitting the Midwest. The airline is letting customers change their travel plans without the usual fees and penalties.

**March 11, 2013- (CBS 2 News at 6p)** – Chicago drivers are doing a double-take at the gas pumps. Gas prices are down for the first time in months. A new report says the prices have dropped more than seven cents a gallon in just the past week.

**March 18, 2013 – (CBS 2 News at 10p)** – The Illinois State Treasurer is putting 12 thousand unclaimed items up for auction. Consumers can bid online for the next three days. Items include jewelry, coins, and office items.

**March 19, 2013- (CBS 2 News at 5p)** – The federal budget stalemate is impacting Chicago's annual Air and Water Show. The Air Force Thunderbirds, always a crowd favorite, say their performances have been grounded due to the budget battle. Organizers say the show will go on without the headlining act.

### **Health:**

**January 8, 2013- (CBS 2 News at 430a)** - Studies show yoga may be the best bet for those struggling with a good night's sleep. Experts say after two months of consistent yoga, people noticed they tended to fall asleep faster and maintain a deeper sleep.

**January 15, 2013- (CBS 2 News at 11a)** – A new study says kids who eat a lot of fast food may be increasing their risk of severe allergic reactions. The research found that kids who ate fast food three or more times a week have more asthma, eczema and hay fever.

**January 18, 2013- (CBS 2 News at 6p)** – A Chicago alderman wants to ban the sale and distribution of energy drinks. Alderman Ed Burke says the drinks are a health threat because of the high amount of caffeine. The ban would include popular drinks like Red Bull and 5 Hour Energy.

**January 23, 2013-(CBS 2 News at 10p)-** Research conducted partially in Chicago has found a way to diagnose a devastating brain disease in athletes who suffer concussions. A local neurosurgeon finds there's a connection between a protein build up and generative brain disease.

**January 25, 2013- (CBS 2 News at 5p)** – Illinois health officials are reporting eight more deaths from the flu virus. The new fatalities bring the total number of flu deaths in Illinois to 58. Doctors are advising those who have already gotten a flu vaccine to do so.

**February 5, 2013- (CBS 2 News at 430a)** – A new study finds a link between kidney stones and Vitamin C supplements. Men who take the supplements are twice as likely to develop kidney stones. Researchers also say there may be a link between calcium supplements and heart disease.

**February 8, 2013- (CBS 2 News at 10p)** – Stress at work can lead to some health problems but probably not cancer. Doctors say they found no link between work stress and the top cancers. But they warn stress can cause chronic inflammation which can lead to other health problems.

**February 18, 2013- (CBS 2 News at 5p)** – Children who watch a lot of TV are more likely to exhibit anti-social and aggressive behavior. A study finds there's still a lot of violence in children's programming and pre-school kids often imitate what they see on TV.

**February 25, 2013- (CBS 2 News at 11a)-** There's more good news about olive oil. It appears it can cut your chances of heart attack. A new study suggests the Mediterranean diet, which includes lots of olive oil, can cut the risk of heart problems and strokes.

**February 28, 2013- (CBS 2 News at 6p) –** First Lady Michelle Obama put on workout clothes to work up a sweat with hundreds of Chicago students. The First Lady brought her “Let’s Move” campaign to Chicago and unveiled a new plan to help schools provide physical education.

**March 6, 2013- (CBS 2 News at 11a) –** Doctors are using a high tech pair of glasses to help diagnose stroke patients. The device can measure tiny eye movements that doctors can't see on their own. Researchers hope the device will eventually replace brain scans.

**March 7, 2013- (CBS 2 News at 6p) –** A new school for students suffering with dyslexia and other language disorders is opening in Chicago. The school will offer small classes with no more than 10 students along with a challenging curriculum.

**March 11, 2013- (CBS 2 News at 5p) –** A new study suggests aspirin may cut the risk of skin cancer in older women. Doctors found that women over 50 who took a daily aspirin lowered their risk of melanoma by 21 percent.

**March 18, 2013- (CBS 2 News at 10p) –** Researchers found that women over 50 can safely get mammograms every two years without increase risk of disease. The study looked at the medical records of more than one million women over 14 years.

**March 20, 2013- (CBS 2 News at 430a) –** Mayor Emanuel is challenging more Chicago company to offer healthy snacks in their vending machines. Last month, city vending machines switched over to healthier options and the Mayor is asking businesses to join the initiative.

### **Diversity:**

**January 4, 2013- (CBS 2 News at 430a) –** Some conservative Illinois Republicans want to oust their party chairman over the same sex marriage debate. G-O-P chairman Pat Brady recently voiced his support for legalizing same sex marriage. Some party members are now calling for his resignation.

**January 17, 2013- (CBS 2 News at 10p) –** Some local Chicago kids are getting a chance to perform at the inauguration of President Obama. The award winning Soul Children of Chicago choir has been invited to perform at the kid's inaugural concert in Washington. The choir's director received a personal invitation from First Lady Michelle Obama.

**January 18, 2013-(CBS 2 News at 11a) –** Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. is being remembered in Chicago during the annual MLK interfaith breakfast. It's held the Friday before the national

holiday in his honor. Mayor Emanuel and Reverend Jesse Jackson were among those in attendance.

**January 21, 2013- (CBS 2 News at 6p)** – For President Obama’s second inauguration, hundreds of Chicagoans gathered at a South Side museum to watch history. The DuSable Museum of African American history hosted a viewing of the President’s second inauguration. There was an overflow crowd and some who showed up had to be turned away.

**January 24, 2013- (CBS 2 News at 5p)** – Women veterans in Illinois are praising a government change allowing them to officially serve in combat. Lifting the ban means women would be offered the training preparing them for special operations and the front line.

**February 7, 2013- (CBS 2 News at 10p)** – Some Chicago high school students are working with students from Beijing to find new solutions for some everyday problems. 18 students from Beijing High School are visiting Chicago. Later this year, the Chicago students will visit Beijing.

**February 11, 2013- (CBS 2 News at 11a)** – A 93 year old woman from Naperville is winning critical acclaim for her artwork. Her first career was a teacher then she became a healthcare administrator. At the age of 75 she took up art and starting making collages that have won numerous awards.

**February 14, 2013- (CBS 2 News at 430a)** – A vote to legalize same sex marriage is expected in the Illinois State Senate. The bill would allow gay and Lesbian couples to get married but would exempt religious groups from having to conduct ceremonies that violate their beliefs.

**February 15, 2013- (CBS 2 News at 5p)** – President Obama spent some one on one time with some African American boys in Chicago who are trying to put their lives on the right path. Before his speech, the President met privately with the teens and advised them to make the right choices.

**February 20, 2013- (CBS 2 News at 6p)** – Emmy winning actor Charles “Roc” Dutton gave Chicago students some real life lessons. Dutton met with teens from underserved neighbors and told his story of overcoming odds to make it to Yale.

**March 8, 2013- (CBS 2 News at 11a)** – Theater artists in Chicago are dealing with the recent explosion of gun violence in Chicago. The violence has led to a new collective effort to raise consciousness and strive for change. The new play “Crime Scene” is offering hope during performances in Wicker Park.

**March 11, 2013- (CBS 2 News at 430a)** – Sheryl Sandberg’s new book, “Lean In” is hitting bookshelves. The Chief Operating Officer of Facebook says very few women make it to the top in any industry in the U.S. She says women are held back by sexism, lack of flexibility and the lack of affordable childcare.



**March 13, 2013- (CBS 2 News at 6p)** - Argentinians living in Chicago are overcome with joy with the announcement of Pope Francis. Before being elevated to Pontiff, he was a Cardinal in Brazil. Local Argentinians say having a Pope from their homeland will strengthen their faith.

**March 13, 2013 – (CBS 2 News at 5p)** – The selection of a new Pope is not only significant to Catholics but also to people of other faiths in Chicago. Leaders from several faiths say they were watching for the announcement and look forward to all faiths working together.

**March 15, 2013- (CBS 2 News at 10p)** – Ohio Senator Rob Portman is changing his stance on same sex marriage. The lawmaker says he had a change of heart after one of his sons revealed that he's gay.